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183. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status of Agro and Rural Industries in Rajasthan;

(b) whether threre are any potentials for developing new Agro and Rural Industries in the State:

(c) if so, the new schemes Government propose to introduce in the State; and

(d) the impact of introducing new cash crops in the State of Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM): (a) The present status and performance of Agro and Rural Industries in the state of Rajasthan during 2001-02 is given as under:

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Industry	Units	Production	Employment
1.	Khadi	174	1847.80	0.40
2.	Village Industries	2643	66579.67	4.60

(b) Yes, Sir. Performance appraisals by the KVIC confirms to the existence of potential for further development.

(c) the Khadi package announced by Government of India *inter alia* provides for Market Development Assistance, Insurance cover to Khadi artisans, aggressive marketing strategies, cluster development etc. It is in various stages of implementation.

(d) Introduction of Cash crops would further diversify and strengthen the present status of village industries in the State.